

The History and Evolution of International Women's Day

History · Answer Key · 19 Questions

1. For how long has International Women's Day (IWD) provided an opportunity for groups advocating for gender equality?

- A) A few decades
- B) Over a century**
- C) Since the 1950s
- D) Less than 50 years

2. Who is credited with championing women's rights and laying groundwork for feminist movements that shaped IWD?

- A) Modern social media influencers
- B) First wave feminist groups like suffragettes and suffragists**
- C) 21st-century political leaders
- D) Contemporary business magnates

3. What did Abigail Smith Adams urge the Continental Congress to consider in 1776?

- A) Economic policies for men
- B) Women's rights and protections**
- C) Military strategies for defense
- D) Trade agreements with foreign nations

4. In what year did Mary Wollstonecraft advocate for educational and social equality for women in her book?

- A) 1776
- B) 1857
- C) 1792**
- D) 1903

5. What was the focus of the first organized strike by women workers in New York City in 1857?

- A) Demanding shorter workdays and decent wages**
- B) Protesting against technological advancements
- C) Advocating for increased leisure time
- D) Seeking higher profits for factory owners

6. Which organization was founded by Emmeline Pankhurst in Manchester, England, in 1903?

- A) The National Woman's Party
- B) The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU)**
- C) The International Alliance of Women
- D) The League of Women Voters

7. What was the subject of the first edition of the WSPU newspaper 'Votes for Women' launched in 1907?

- A) Women's healthcare advancements
- B) The history of the British monarchy
- C) The pursuit of voting rights for women**
- D) International diplomatic relations

8. What did women workers in needle trades protest in New York City's Lower East Side in 1908?

- A) Longer working hours
- B) Child labor and sweatshop conditions, and demanded suffrage**
- C) Low wages and unfair promotion policies
- D) Lack of recreational facilities

9. Who conceived the idea of a 'National Woman's Day' in 1909?

- A) Clara Zetkin
- B) Emmeline Pankhurst
- C) Theresa Malkiel**
- D) Gloria Steinem

10. At which conference was the idea of an International Women's Day first tabled and unanimously supported?

- A) The First International Socialist Women's Conference
- B) The Second International Socialist Women's Conference**
- C) The World Conference on Women
- D) The United Nations General Assembly

11. In which countries was IWD marked for the first time in 1911?

- A) United States, Canada, Mexico
- B) Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland**
- C) United Kingdom, France, Italy
- D) Russia, China, Japan

12. When was the first observance of IWD in Russia?

- A) 1909
- B) 1911
- C) 1913**
- D) 1917

13. What was the reason for women in Russia striking for 'bread and peace' in 1917?

- A) Demand for better movie selections
- B) Protesting food shortages, poor living conditions, and World War I**
- C) Seeking higher salaries for artists
- D) Calling for more public holidays

14. What right was granted to some women of a certain age and circumstance in the UK with the Representation of the People Bill in 1918?

- A) The right to drive
- B) The right to vote**
- C) The right to own property
- D) The right to serve in the military

15. Who declared March 8 as International Working Women's Day in 1922?

- A) Vladimir Lenin**
- B) Joseph Stalin
- C) Leon Trotsky
- D) Mao Zedong

16. Which countries marked IWD as an official holiday in 1922?

- A) China, Japan, Korea
- B) Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan**
- C) India, Pakistan, Bangladesh
- D) Brazil, Argentina, Chile

17. When was the first IWD rally held in Australia?

- A) 1911
- B) 1922
- C) 1928**
- D) 1949

18. What significant act was passed in the UK in 1928 regarding voting rights?

- A) The Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act**
- B) The Women's Suffrage Act
- C) The Universal Suffrage Act
- D) The Electoral Reform Act

19. Which leader announced October 20 as 'Vietnamese Women's Day' in 1930?

A) Ho Chi Minh

B) Vo Nguyen Giap

C) Pham Van Dong

D) Le Duan